Many Upsets Have Been Made in Baseball Since Close of Season in 1914

Managers and Star Players of Major League Teams Have Caused Startling Deals; Trades and Purchases Made Interesting History in 1914-- "Stove Circuit" Is Busy

Many Upsets Have Been Crowded Into Short Space of Time.

MACK STARTS THE BALL

Release of Two Causes Big Sensation-Johnson's Flipflop Biggest Event.

By BILL BAILEY.

The old Stove League has never in-loyed such a busy season as the present. Never in the history of the national he short space of time since the 1914 hampionship race closed, as during the bree months just claused.

their salaries during the off season, but ust pause a moment and consider what mny afternoon last October

Connie Mack and his erstwhile world's nampions started the ball rolling. One startling announcement after as published in the newspapers pt came the report that waivers had asked on Plank, Bender, and and everything calmed down until on day the story came over the wire t both Plank and Bender had been enditionally released. These veterans

ckly signed with the Federal League. Johnson Jumps to Feds.

Next came the news which shook Was gton from its very foundations. "Wal-Johnson has signed a two-year co fter column was published in the loca newsappers. Johnson was patted on the

After everybody in the Capital had de-ded to struggle along without Walter chason next summer and watch Griff evelop Jim Shaw, Joe Engel, Jack sentley, Harry Harper and others, the ld Fox quietly slid out of town, met in Kausas City, and the great

Just prior to the Johnson flareback cam e story that Connie Mack had sold ddle Collins to the Chicago White Sox

a minute. Lee Magee and Ivy Wingo, the Cardinals, were grabbed at big ear the livery of the Cincinnati Reds.

As if all this was not enough to kee

egal proceedings in the United States

Bearing in ten day.
Ray Caldwell then the flooped back to the New York Yankee league teams start South to train nobod

C. H. Rowland Popular

To Watch Harvard Team

Polo Matches on Coast

Evacuate Cal. Jan 9. Polo ponies of East-olaista left this week for the tournaments on artife Coast. Commercing on January 25, the of the polo tournaments will be held at the cit Country Cub. of California, and here the grantches will be held, with players caming thmost every pole ounter in this country, as

Shooter Brings Down Big Duck

Pater's Midget, sire of Champion Feter King the Boston terrier recently sold for \$2,000, is dead at the ionas of its owner, Treasurer James P. Mitchell, of the Lynn Kennel Club. The dog was to be benefuld at the Lynn (Mass.) Kennel Club show January II and Z.

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holds will be barred in this contest,

and the local fans know what to expect



EDDIE PLANK. Released by Connie Mack uncon-ditionally.

ewsappers. Johnson was patted on the ack by a few and stabbed in the same lace by many others for deserting the

Independent Champions Expect to Have Good Team This Season. Are After Games.

The Northeast boys expect to have a season's crack team will be available and

Bischoff, Charley Offutt, Wilbur Hildebrand and "Bugs" Nei "Tom" Connors Ralph 'Billy" Martin, catchers.

son and George Reber, two fast infielders: Johnny Hart and Eddie McDonough, nected with the club boys.

Business Manager "Nick" Carter is busily engaged arranging a schedule for many out-of-town games, prominent among these being Delaware College and University of Maryland and a trip down schedule should address W. B. Carter.

MEETS BERNARD WEDNESDAY



"BULL" MONTANA. The new Italian wreatler who will





RAY CALDWELL, Jumped back from Buffalo Feds to the Sold by



NAP LAJOIE.

MUST SELECT NEW MONTANA MEETS JUAREZ, PLACE; NAME FOR NAPS TONY BERNARD

the Purpose.

LAJOIE TO BAT FOURTH

the Crippled Philadelphia

Lajoie, the name of Naps is a misnomer. This fact was one of the first things lub baseball team will hold a special that Charley Somers thought of after jestic neeting within the near future for the i disposing of his star player to Philadelphia, and he has announced that he intends calling a conference of the base-ball writers of Cleveland to select a new name for the team, a name that will banner year in baseball as most of last be short, expressive and appropriate.

Connie Mack expects to have Larry triants, worked Manager Ward, of the Brooklyn Feds, for a nice advance bonus and signed with the so-called outlaws. The courts will be resorted to in an Trackar and signed will be resorted to in an ter Seabright, "Tots" Long, Willie Baker, third base: Lajoic, second base: McInnis, first base: Strunk, center field.

"Speck" Wat-line-up was accompanied by 'be recruit fast infield pitchers. This year he will mix his This year he will mix his ill around. For instance, the players all around. squad that has Baker and McInnis as embers will not have Lajoie and Barry.

le latter pair will stick together, as Mack wants them to get used to each

Reports to Cut Down Traveling Expenses of Big League Teams. Dut on a star card. The ball players are a bit worried over reports out the magnates plan further reductions in op-

recrised, according to the same report.

In addition to this the magnates are said to be strauging for quarters at chessiver hotels around the firmit. The ascrage hotel cost per day has been H. The magnates would like so find a place for their men at St. This would mean a saving of for each roan in the equad-manually about \$20. The taxes are so the road should be day device.

Golf Banquet at Pittsburgh.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Soft for \$50,000 damages against bin "Jack" Curley, widely known as a fight conoted and sportsman, and his chauffeur. Throws Thygason, 1150 Weile street, was begun in the sperior Court by attorneys for David Feber. The figures out of a collidion between Curley's auto-bile and a huggy in which Feber and three, her men were riding near the Cubs horeball park year and a half ago, according to Lester L. Bauer.

San Prancisco, Cal., Jan. 9.—Frank Ety. formerly of St. Louis, wan the three-cushion championship of the coast here yesterday by defeating Joseph Carner, of San Prancisco, former world's champion, in the final game of a four-more world's champion, Ely Is Coast Billiard Champion. in the final game of a four-men team. The acore was 30 to 3. The players who finished, respectively, third and fourth were Thomas Hueston, of St. Louis, a former world's title hold r, and Harry Wakefield, of California,

Federals Preparing Plans. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 2.—Affidavits in support of contentions made in the antitrust suit recently filed in the United States Court at Chicago by the Federal League against so-called "organized" baseball were to be made here at the Federal League conference which began yesterday. According to E. E. Gates, counsel for the new league, the Indianapolis meeting was called in order to obtain added evidence in substantiation of the general bill of complaint prepared by the Federals against the olde

Gotham Sportsmen's Show.
New York, Jan. 9.—All attendance records for were were smadled at life Sportspen's She Madianu Square transfer last night, more than

Somers Proposes Conference Local Italian Grappler Clashes Johnson-Willard Bout Will Be WILLARD IS HIDING with New York "Bull" at Majestic Wednesday.

in this city, as close to 3,000 fans witnessed the match last Wednesday night at the Majestic Theater, when Tony Championship Heavy-weight Battle Bernard disposed of Soldier McCarnes in an easy fashion. Although Frank Zeraga, the local heavy-weight, gave the Italian demon a great tussle in a A new name must be selected for the fifteen-minutes affair, which was put on Cleveland American League baseball to give the public a gun for their club now, as with the going of Nap money, he will not be the next opponent to meet Bernard in a finish match. jestic Theater, who is promoting the bouts, closed out with Louis "Bull" son-Jesse Willard exhibition, who will Montana, the New York Italian midules because if the ever climbs and the last Gotoh-Hackenschmidt wrestling die-weight wrestler, to meet Bernard the last Gotoh-Hackenschmidt wrestling appear against.

"saved" for the Johnson-Willard exhibition at Juarez because if he ever climbs into a ring with Gunboat the latter will not leave enough of him for Johnson to appear against. here next Wednesday night in a finish affair, in which no holds will be barred.

It is hardly possible that Montana needs any introduction to the local well known here as a mat artist. With two men like Montana and Ber-pard in a finish d affair the public need

not to be warned that they will see the the exhibition as

not yet been agreed upon by the wrest-lers but the third man will have his hands full untangling this mass of man-solely upon the sporting page of this

eaters when they clash. The local pub- newspaper for general news of another lic has not witnessed a match with no nature, it may be stated that the real holds barred since the police stopped the famous Montana-Kilonis bout at the Old son was that had he really been present Lyceum Theater (we years ago, and with such men as Montana and Bernard as Sam might have also attended the meetthe attraction Manager Ballbaugh has ing and put the "world's championship

Scranton Gets Player Sharp.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 9.- A banquet of golfers will held in Hotel Schenley February 2 under the spices of the newly-organized Gridmo Glub-urs for the coming event, which promises to be

Wingo Is Transferred. Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Manager Miller Huggins the St. Louis National League baseball team mounced here last night that Catcher Ity Wing

Ritchie Again After Title. San Francisco, Jan. 2. Willie Rilichie, former ligit-weight champion of the world, started training today for a series of fights that he loopes will esentually regain for him the thigh he fost to Freddie Wesh, in London, last summer. Ritchies still negotiating with a number of Eastern texting promoters and he will be ready to leave for the place that accepts his offer in a week.

He Started Something.

Throwers, Not Pitchers.

PUBLIC, GOAT

March 6.

Staged in Mexico on

Arranged After Much Dickering by Rival Managers.

can be made in words of one syllable of telling everybody that Big Jess is being a statement issued tonight by Jack Cur-saved for the Johnson-Willard exhibi-

followers of the grappling game, as his real sporting caliber by being the the famous "Mulberry Bend Bull" is first one to wish all of us the best of luck nor to be warned that they will see the "old fur fly" and from his long experience he should be able to give the New York wrestler a cracking good fight for honors.

Smith fight the Kansas cowboy than go leads to the affidavits of the affidavits of the affidavits of the said the said the affidavits of the said the sa

take all.

Just who will referee the bout has cles. Another \$1,000 was cabled him to

ging him off to the Hoose Gow in some annoying white slave proceedings, con-cerning which Uncle Sam has a desire to shut Mistah Johnson up in a nice warm prison where the white hopes can't get at him. For this reason Mr. John Arthur Johnson finds the climate of Buenos Ayres far more salubrious than that of the United States, or any part thereof. Hence the cabled \$1,000. in the role of human sacrifice to the a that golden calf in the present proceedings.

Curley's statement says: "Willard will leave New York tomor-row morning. He will be accompaned by his manager, Tora Jones, and several sparring partners. Willard will go direct to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he will spend a week or ten days, drinking the waters and taking the mineral baths, and then he will go direct to El Paso where training quarters will await him."

Pitcher Caldwell Explains. New York, Jan. 9. In explaining his reasons as the he regulated the Federal League and returned

FROM THE GUNBOAT The wrestling game is booming again CURLEY THE PROMOTER Jim Buckley Claims "Cowboy" Sidestepping Match with Smith

at Madison Square Garden.

the Chicago White Sox for

New York, Jan. 2.-The quicker Jess Willard hides himself in his training New York, Jan. 2.-Juarez, Mexico, 18 camp at El Paso the safer he will be, if one listens to Jim Buckley, manager of FILE AFFIDAVITS This is about the best summary that Gunboat Smith. Buckley is around today

match in Chicago.

In the statement Curiey says that Billy Gibson tried to get the exhibition for Havana, but falling in this, demonstrated his real sporting caliber by being the first one to wish all of us the best of luck for Juarez, stating that death only would be able to keep him from the ringside.

In the statement Curiey says that Billy time he feels like it," said Buckley to-day. "But Jess is on his way to the "sticks" because his managers are too fory to let him show himself up as he really is I think Willard is a set-up for the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer of the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer of the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer of the gumer of the gumer of the gumer of the gumer. On the level, I rather have the gumer of the gumer o the gunner. On the level, I rather have

He would get such a showing up that the chairman of the national commission, among the laurel-crowned of sportnom. The burden of preparing for the meet want all the defendants in this suit who know Willard can't fight, but the angel who is putting up the coin expects to make a big killing financially." Judge Landis as he granted the motion. Willard was not seen about his usual lived up to promoter Curley's announceent of his departure and is on his way

Gotch-Hackenschmidt wrestling match.

DUNDEE HOLDS RECORD.

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Fought Twenty-four Fights During

The best previous mark at English billiards was 766, made by Gray Last September, while the record mark by Stevenson was 922, made in Lonseites niles be so amended that all players in both series niles be so amended that all players in both

e pased through Chicago, where Curley

best known as the promoter of the

Season of 1914. Dunder, the New York light-weight, lay

Referring to Jess Willard, who is cast the heavy-weight war home, didn't fight as often fairs. Another stretched along until the teenth round, while the others were ten and twelve

round mills.

Caldwell Confirms Report. Kane, Pa., Jan. 2.—The report from New York that Pitch r Ray Caldwell, who had signed a contract with the Bufthe New York Americans, has been cor firmed by the pitcher, who stated that he had mailed his signed contract to New

York headquarters last night.

HAS BEEN SHOWING SPEED.



Henvy-weight wrestler, of Memoria



ARE OPEN FOR RELAYS

Games February 13.

Committee, in Charge Is Working Hard to Make a Success of the Affair.

Nineteen events are included in the tentative schedule for the big George Washington University track meet, to be need last night by Prof. Leslie Cleve

arrangement of a number of additional events, and these, more than likely, will be embraced in the final schedule. It is quite probable that several additional relay events will be decided upon. Conpently it is almost certain the official than, twenty-five events

Events Follow The events already decided upon are follows: Fifty-yard dash. yard dash, open handicap: scholastic; semi-finals and finals; 440 yard run for the South Atlantic inter-collegiate championship; 46-yard run, open, handicap; 46-yard run, scholastic; 600-yard run, novice; 800-yard run, handicap; one mile run, open, han two-mile run for the South Atlantic In tercollegiate championship; high open handicap; shot put, open handicap pole vault for the South Atlantic inter collegiate championship; pole vault, open handicap; two-mile relay for the South Atlantic intercollegiate championship: one-mile relay, collegiate; private school relay, two-jurds of a mile: high school relay, one mile, and interfraternity relay, two-thirds of a mile.

The schedule is interesting because of the fact that it contains four events that will determine the South Atlantic interby George Vashington University recent-ly being ac titted to the South Atlantic Intercollegile Association. This step by the university is regarded as one of the most important in the fight being waged by the institution to regain the position of athletic prestige which it once en-

WALTER JOHNSON,

NEW ENGLISH RECORD.

Billiards.

Gray gave Osborne a handicap of 1,000 points,

tension magneto, G. and D. 6 volt sys-

tem electric starter, electric searchlights with large and small bulbs, electric tall

light, Goodrich elincher tires, shock ab-

at the local Metz agency, the Cartercar

Miller Brothers' automobile and supply use reports the sale of the following

Touring cars to T. F. Alsop, H. G.

Machen, H. U. Garnett, John Immick, T.

Clark Griffith Buys Franklin.

to leave on a tour in the new car some time the latter part of this week. R. G

Iscon, Ga., Jan. 2.—George Stallings, ma-the Beston Nationals, today denied re-t George Whitted, the Brarca fielder, o

sta, Wis. Jan. 2.—The first buttle between fighters in Wiscossin since local

touring car last week.

Ford cars during the past week:

Sales Company, at 1801 Fourteenth street

the red ball into the middle porket.

A new record in English billiards was reco

the flip-flop between Feds and

Requests are coming to Prof. McNemar

base: Lajor, scenter field.

When dividing his squad of Athletics
on the exhibition trip this year Mack intends to depart from his usual system. Heretofore he has sent the old pitchers with his recruit infielders and outfleiders, while his regular veteran outfleiders, while his regular veteran outfleiders, while his regular veteran outfleiders and outfleiders, while his regular veteran outfleiders and outfleiders and outfleiders and outfleiders, while his regular veteran outfleiders and immary injunction on January 20. The affiliation outfleiders and i

would be prohibited by the university au-

thorities, and who offered personally George Gray Makes New Mark at letle undertakings at the institution.

Metz Shows Touring Model.

One of the most interesting touring models shown at the New York automobile show first week was the new Metz bill show first week was the new Metz with a lot of ulayers who win the pennants are the fellows who are out on the diamend hurling all the time. They don't half. They are fighting and playing every minute. They descree all they get, and there into a reason why they should split the extra money with a lot of ulayers who don't care whether they with a lot of ulayers who don't care whether they with a lot of ulayers who don't care whether they with a lot of ulayers who don't care whether they bile show last week was the new Metz in a rescue why they should "E" touring car, selling at \$600. Some of the extra features are the Bosch high

Shean May Manage.

Dave Shean, of Buston, is the popular choice for he post of imanager of the Grays, to succeed Wild 2011 Denovan, who has been elevated to the leader hip of the New York Americans. It is understood sorbers, one-man top, clear-vision wind-shield, Stewart speedometer, built-in gas-oline gauge, automatic signal, tire pump and wire wheels. This new model will be shown during the first week in February

Lee Magee in New York.

Runabouts to L. L. Beall and P. H. O. Havans, Jos. 2.- Lee Magoe, the St. Louis Na-Delivery wagons to Albert Sanders, United States Postoffice Department (two) and Washington Gas Light Com-Clark C. Griffith has received his new 1915 Franklin '%-30' touring car from the David S. Hendrick Company. He expects

Doesn't Count in College.